**Digital Presentation:**

Ripped From the Headlines!

**Assignment description**

Your group will be divided into two teams of three students. Your group will be responsible for choosing a recent news event to research that has been in the national news headlines. Each team in the group will then create a digital presentation of the chosen topic (formats must be different within your group). Some examples of digital formats include PowerPoint, Prezi, Animoto, Movie Maker and audio and video recordings. You will be given 4 class periods to work on the assignment. Extra help will be available before school, during study halls, and via the class wiki where students can submit questions.

Your team will research the important facts and details of the topic and decide on what type of presentation medium will best convey the meaning of your information. Teams will then work together to build the presentation which will be posted on the class wiki and presented live to the class.

Your digital presentations should be at least one minute in length and not more than 10 minutes. Keep in mind that the digital medium you choose for your presentation will tell the story of your topic in a unique way. Choose the medium you think will be most effective in making your story understood.

Conduct your research using the library databases and websites listed on this assignment guide under **Resources**. Be sure that you research your topic thoroughly and that you have a solid understanding of the topic. You will be required to list the resources you used in your research so remember to keep a record of your citations. Use the research outline that can be found on the following pages to help you organize your findings into ordered groups of information that you will include (in some way) in your final digital presentation. This handout and resources for the project can also be found on the class wiki at www.digitalproject.org.

**Resources**

DATABASES

**InfoTrac Newsstand**

This database provides access to 1,100 major national, regional, and local U.S. newspapers, as well as leading titles from around the world. It includes context-sensitive multimedia pictures and video clips as well as audio versions of articles that can be downloaded for later listening.

**Opposing Viewpoints in Context**

Provides viewpoint articles and topic overviews on today's hottest social and controversial issues to help students research, analyze, and organize a broad variety of information. It includes statistics, primary sources, biographies, court cases, images, videos, audio, and selected weblinks. It also provides articles from academic journals, newspapers, magazines, and reference books. Content can be searched by reading level.

WEBSITES

**Associated Press** at <http://www.ap.org/>

The Associated Press website is an excellent resource for the latest headlines in world news including The Big Story. Multimedia gallery and AP video network are available for searching and browsing. Searchable archives are a feature of this site.

**National Public Radio** at <http://www.npr.org/>

National Public Radio’s (npr) website features the latest in world news, podcasts, programs, blogs and analyses of events in the current headlines and in the spotlight. This website is also fantastic resource for images, audio clips, and video.

**Research Outline**

**List everything you know about the topic:**

*(use the back of the page if you need more space)*

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**Order and group your list**

Group 1 Background Information Group 2 Event facts

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Group 3 Observations Group 4 Outcome/Results

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Prioritize the importance of your content in order to help you decide what information makes it into the final presentation. Label each item on your list as follows:

A= must include B= supporting material C= nice-to-know

Research Outline is a modified version of Create an Outline taken from the galeschools.com website at

<http://www.galeschools.com/research_tools/pdf/createanoutline.pdf>